

I would just like to say that I feel copyright protection of digital television is ridiculous. For years all television which has been broadcast to the home has been recordable. Now, just because the quality of that signal has increased, you want to stop it? By stopping the recording of Digital Television, you will take away something which is very important to a lot of people. By blocking recording of DTV, it will be impossible to watch a television program you have missed. This will actually cause the viewership of these programs to decline since they will only be accessible at the time they are broadcast. Also, if the consumer is forbidden from recording these programs, then will likely take a different attitude with the studios. Considering television is broadcast openly into all homes, I don't think it is right to limit the non-commercial use of that program. If someone is restricted from recording a free signal available everywhere, then they will likely not feel very good about that station. In the studios attempts to limit the usage they may in fact not only limit the viewership, but their own revenue as well. And if the consumer is not allowed to record it legally, then it is likely they will resort to illegal methods. If DTV copyright protection is instituted, then you will alienating the consumers and destroying the television market.